

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

**Claim 1** (Currently amended): An information processing apparatus capable of printing data by using another apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

creating means for creating unit configured to create setting information to print data, during a predetermined process of making a print data recognizable by the other apparatus in accordance with a print instruction by a user an operator of the information processing apparatus; and

calculating means for calculating unit configured to calculate a print charge in accordance with the created setting information,

wherein before the print data is sent to the network, the creating unit creates the setting information and the calculating unit calculates the print charge are performed before the print data is sent to the network,

and wherein the information processing apparatus serves as a host computer.

**Claim 2** (Currently amended): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein calculation by said calculating means unit is performed by a control program for controlling the other apparatus.

**Claim 3** (Currently amended): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein creating the setting information is performed by a control program for controlling the other apparatus, and calculation by said calculating means unit is performed by a charge

application which is activated by a process different from the control program.

**Claim 4** (Currently amended): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein whether calculation by said calculating means unit is performed and whether the print data is sent to the network after the calculation by said calculating means unit, is settable beforehand.

**Claim 5** (Currently amended): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if the print charge calculated by said calculating means unit exceeds a predetermined value, the print data is not sent to the network.

**Claim 6** (Currently amended): A information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising notifying means unit for notifying a user of the print charge calculated by said calculating means unit.

**Claim 7** (Currently amended): An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising means unit responsive to an operation by the user for terminating a print process without sending the print data to the network or for changing the setting information.

**Claim 8** (Cancelled)

**Claim 9** (Currently amended): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, whercin said calculating means unit calculates the print charge in accordance with charge information stored in the information processing apparatus.

**Claim 10** (Original): An information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the charge information is updated in accordance with information received via the network

**Claim 11** (Cancelled)

**Claim 12** (Currently amended): A storage medium storing a program for controlling an

information processing apparatus a host computer capable of printing data using another apparatus connected to a network, the program comprising:

a creating step code of creating setting information to print data, during a predetermined process of making a print data recognizable by the other apparatus in accordance with a print instruction by a user an operator of the host computer, and

a calculating step code of calculating a print charge in accordance with the created setting information,

wherein the creating code of creating the setting information and the calculating code of calculating the print charge are performed executed before the print data is sent to the network.

**Claim 13 (Original):** A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein calculation by said calculating step is performed by a control program for controlling the other apparatus.

**Claim 14 (Previously presented):** A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein creating the setting information is performed by a control program for controlling the other apparatus, and calculation by said calculating step is performed by a charge application which is activated by a process different from the control program.

**Claim 15 (Previously presented):** A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein whether calculation by said calculating step is performed and whether the print data is sent to the network after the calculation by said calculating step, is settable beforehand.

**Claim 16 (Previously presented):** A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein if the print charge calculated by said calculating step exceeds a predetermined value, the print data is not sent to the network.

**Claim 17 (Previously presented):** A storage medium according to claim 12, further comprising

a notifying step of notifying a user of the print charge calculated by said calculating step.

**Claim 18** (Previously presented): A storage medium according to claim 17, further comprising a step, responsive to an operation by the user, of terminating a print process without sending the print data to the network or of changing the setting information.

**Claim 19** (Cancelled)

**Claim 20** (Previously presented): A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein said calculating step calculates the print charge in accordance with charge information stored in the information processing apparatus.

**Claim 21** (Original): A storage medium according to claim 20, wherein the charge information is updated in accordance with information received via the network.

**Claim 22** (Cancelled)

**Claim 23** (Newly added): A computer program executable on a computer to control a host computer capable of printing data by using an apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

    a creating code of creating setting information to print data, during a predetermined process of making a print data recognizable by the other apparatus in accordance with a print instruction by an operator of the host computer; and

    a calculating code of calculating a print charge in accordance with the created setting information,

    wherein the creating code of creating the setting information and the calculating code of calculating the print charge are executed before the print data is sent to the network.